

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Municipal Water Authority meeting was held on the above date in person. This meeting was advertised in the Courier Times, and notice was posted at Borough Hall.

Authority Member's Present

Kurt Ludwig, President
Patricia Taggart
Mike Wasson
Bert Wolfe

Staff in Attendance

Bill Wheeler, Borough Manager
Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary
Pat Slater, Water and Sewer

Authority Members Absent: Joe Nocito

Staff Absent: Mike Whittaker, Licensed Water Operator, Sheri Wheeler, Water Meter Reader and Bob DeBias, Solicitor

Authority Members Late to Arrive: none

Guests in Attendance: none

Call to Order: Mr. Ludwig called the meeting to order; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: none

Minutes:

Motion made by Ms. Taggart seconded by Mr. Wolfe to approve the minutes of October 18, 2021; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Water and Sewer Clerk:

- Late Fees and Penalties – Ms. Slater suggested the Authority reinstate the late fees and penalties. Mr. Ludwig will put it on the agenda for next month.
- Over Due Accounts – Ms. Slater will go through all the accounts and will revise the overdue accounts list.

Water Meter Reader: no report

Bills: Mr. Ludwig presented the following bill to be paid: Carroll Engineering \$210.00 and Public Water System \$65.00.

Motion made by Ms. Taggart and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to pay the bill; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Correspondence: none

New Business:

- Sewer Lateral Vent Cap Project – Mr. Ludwig had a discussion with Mr. Whittaker regarding the vent cap replacement project. He believes that most laterals are 4 inches and made of cast iron. New construction will be different. Mr. Whittaker is doing some research regarding the types of caps and will report back at a future meeting. The type of vent cap may vary from resident to resident.
- Water & Sewer Lateral Inspection Program – Mr. Ludwig forwarded a copy of Penndel Borough’s lateral inspection program which is voluntary. Mr. Ludwig will contact them to see how successful it has been to date. Mr. Ludwig told the Authority members it would be beneficial to have the program in place and would help to further educated the residents.
- Neptune Water Meter & Software – Borough council has offered to pay for the completion of the water meter replacement for the Authority. The funds are coming from the COIVD relief funds they have received. Currently the Authority has an estimate from Rio for 185 meters, including installation, software, set up and training at a cost of \$68,566. This estimate was given on 10/19/20. If the Authority decided to proceed with the project, they will either need to establish that Rio is the sole sourcing of the meters, or receive three bids for the project. Mr. Ludwig will confirm the cost from Rio and will ask Ms. Wheeler to confirm if Rio is a sole source for the meters. The Authority also needs to address the matter of those who are refusing to have their meter replaced. Mr. Ludwig forwarded the Authority members a copy of a list of residents who back in 2017 were refusing replacement. This list needs to be updated and the residents need to receive a letter explaining that if they do not replace their meter their water can be shut off.
- BCWSA Rates – BCWSA rates will remain unchanged for 2022.

Old Business:

- Lining Project Status - Carroll Engineering is going to try to gather three bids for the lining project. Currently BCWSA has not renewed their contract for lining work so Mr. Ludwig feels the Authority needs to find someone else to complete the work. Carroll Engineering will gather three bids. Currently the cost of materials has increased significantly and it is very difficult to even find the resin used to do the work. The last estimate the Authority was given was \$12,770. Ms. Taggart may have one contact for completing the work. She will forward the contact information to Mr. Ludwig.
- Water Flow – For November 2021 the borough was just over 100% sewer flow to water usage. The goal is to be at 80%.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm; motion made by Mr. Wasson seconded by Mr. Wolfe; carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski
Hulmeville Borough Secretary